

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-57, following entry of this Amendment, are all the claims pending in this application. By amendment above, claims 58-67 have been cancelled.

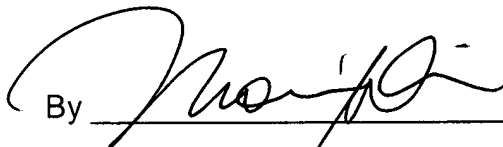
Reconsideration of the subject patent application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Patent Office for indicating that claims 1-57 are allowed.

Claims 58-60 and 67 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Palalau et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,373,472) ("Palalau"). These claims have been canceled and the rejection is now moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection.

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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